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Large Lighted Buoys Equipped with Radar Reflectors.

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1. Aids to Navigation. [redacted] ship called at Gdynia [redacted]

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The buoys in Gdynia are larger and all are equipped with radar reflectors. [redacted] picked up these buoys on the ship's radar equipment at distances up to 12 miles. The entrance channel was easily navigable by radar alone. The buoys are well lighted, and equipped with light reflectors. [redacted] while bound for Gdynia and one day out, [redacted] one of the channel buoys was inoperative.

2. Dock Facilities. [redacted]

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great strides have been made toward the establishment of good port facilities in Gdynia, especially considering their condition when the Germans quit the port in WW II. In addition to the storage shed, many of the piers carry three sets of railroad tracks, which permits direct discharge from the vessel into rolling stock. Also, when necessary to aid in discharging, cranes can use these tracks. The longshoremen in Gdynia seemed very anxious to please the ship and frequently asked the Chief Mate if everything was as he desired it to be.

3. Security. Security measures standard for the port were imposed on the ship. On entering there was a three and one half hour search; and on departure there was a three-hour search. Nothing out of the ordinary ship-discharging routine was permitted without "special request". Other activities, such as

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exercising the crew by lowering the ship's boats for lifeboat drill, were out of the question.

4. Purchases Ashore. Prices on anything bought ashore were extremely high. For example, a pair of women's shoes cost the equivalent of US\$250. A certain amount of security risk was involved in making any purchases ashore unaided, but lower prices could be obtained and the risk could be eliminated by dealing through the ship's chandler.

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6. Port Defenses.

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areas sensitive to Polish security have fences or Army guards, or both.

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